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FOR SCALABLE CENTRIFUGATION**
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-17, for further prosecution in this application.